

## BLUFF

### Is Put Up By a Dot On the Map.

### Denmark Wants a Vesuvius Earthquake Pitched Into St. Thomas.

#### THREATENS US WITH FOREIGN WARSHIPS.

New York, July 12.—(Special.)—A Journal dispatch from St. Thomas says:

"Denmarks pro-Spanish sympathy is showing to be stronger every day.

The government is attempting to prevent our using 8,000 tons of coal here belonging to the United States, which is likely to cause trouble.

Governor Lederman declares if the American ships attempt to remove the coal by force they will be fired upon by German, French and Italian warships in the harbor.

Great excitement prevails and trouble is expected at any moment, as the Americans claim the right to use their own coal.

The populace is strongly American in sympathy.

#### Spanish Editors Lie.

#### Unlike the American Article.

Key West, July 12.—(Special.)—From Havana comes a recital of the desperate conditions there that are daily growing more desperate.

Volunteers are openly favored at the expense of Spanish regulars. The Havana papers of July 6 contained full accounts of American defeats at Santiago on land and sea. Cervera's fleet was declared to be on its way to Havana to lift the blockade and sink the blockading squadron.

Blanco's sharing authority with the Autonomists is looked upon as an evidence that he has lost heart and seeks to divide the responsibility of impending defeat.

#### Shafter Sends His Report

#### Of Monday's Operations.

Washington, July 12.—(Special.)—Gen. Shafter telegraphs this morning his night report of yesterday's operations:

"PLAYA DEL ESTE, JULY 11, 1898.

To-day was very quiet, with but little firing. Truce up since 2. Considering proposition for surrendering, now that I have town surrounded on north side. Only three or four casualties, one killed so far as known. Expect new batteries to be in position to-morrow.

"There is a great deal of suffering among the people who have gone from Santiago. Doing the best I can to relieve them, but have not been entirely successful."

#### Queen Regent is Willing

#### To Negotiate For Peace.

London, July 12.—(Special.)—The Standard's Berlin dispatch says it is learned that the Queen Regent is willing to negotiate for peace direct with the United States. The maximum concession she will make at present is the absolute independence of Cuba.

#### St. Louis Will Not Tarry.

#### Will Return South Soon.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 12.—(Special.)—The St. Louis after coaling sails South as soon as loaded.

Capt. Goodrich says nobody interviewed Admiral Cervera here, although several papers had lengthy interviews with the Spanish Admiral.

## SHAFTER'S ARMY.

### Has a Force Equal to the Entire Army When War Began.

### Men Enough at Santiago to Over- whelm the Spanish Forces in the City.

Washington, July 12.—(Special.)—Gen. Shafter's available force to-day, after counting all reinforcements, and deducting the dead, sick and wounded, is 22,850 fighting men, according to military estimates. This is based on an estimate of 16,000 men in Gen. Shafter's original expedition, and about 10,000 in various expeditions which have gone since then, making in all 26,000 men. Against this, however, must be deducted the casualties in the fighting thus far, and also the men confined to the hospital by sickness. The deduction is roughly estimated at 3,000, leaving about 23,000 men available to-day as the fighting force of the American army.

The reinforcements have gone forward from time to time, and it has been rather difficult to keep track of them, but they are summed up as follows:

Gen. Duffield's brigade, about 2,500 men; recruits for regular army, 950; First Illinois, 950; First District of Columbia, 850; six light batteries United States Artillery, 700; Gen. Garretson's brigade, Eighth Ohio, 1,300; Sixth Massachusetts and Sixth Illinois, 2,600.

Another force of 2,500 men, comprising Gen. Ernst's brigade, is ready to start, and with this force Gen. Shafter's fighting strength will be swelled to about 25,000 men by the middle of this week.

## BILL SHARBER ARRESTED

### On a Serious Charge Made by Jno. W. Wicks.

Crofton, Ky., July 12.—(Special.)—John W. Wicks, of Hopkinsville, was here yesterday and got out a search warrant and had the house of Bill Sharber, col., searched for an overcoat and pistol. He found the overcoat but did not find the pistol.

Mr. Wicks had his overcoat and pistol stolen out of his buggy, near here, last November. Sharber claims to have bought the coat from a tramp. Sharber gave bond for his appearance before Squire Helsey the 18th of this month.

## Hanging at Georgetown July 18.

Georgetown, Ky., July 12.—(Special.)—The May term of the Scott county circuit court is in session. The case of Clarence Vinegar, colored, was heard and he was condemned to death.

Vinegar appealed for a new hearing but it was not granted. The governor fixed the day of execution as Monday, July 18, in the jail yard at 12 m.

## Cuban Tories Don't Want Peace.

Madrid, July 12.—(Special.)—The consensus of opinion here is that the Cuban army volunteers are the chief obstacle to peace. Though half fed, they are determined to fight to the last.

## Limit on War Bond Bids.

Washington, July 12.—(Special.)—Treasury officials have decided that bids for war bonds to be considered must be in Secretary Gage's office by 3 p. m. July 14th.

## A British Vessel Caught.

Key West, July 12.—(Special.)—An auxiliary cruiser has just towed in a prize schooner, a British vessel captured while trying to run the blockade.

Russia's common soldier gets \$3.25 a year.

## MILL BLOWN UP.

### Six Lives Lost in the Explosion ---Many Others Wounded.

### Was Making Smokeless Powder on Heavy Government Orders.

Plampton Lake, N. J. July 12.—(Special.)—The Laflin Rand Powder Works, a very large plant, blew up this morning.

It is reported at least six lives were lost and it is feared the entire plant will be destroyed by fire.

The factory had been running on large orders for smokeless powder for the government.

## BLANKS MUST HANG.

### The Mayfield Rapist Gets the Ex- treme Penalty of the Law.

Mayfield, Ky., July 12.—The jury returned a verdict of guilty against Bob Blanks for criminal assault, and he was sentenced to be hanged August 26th. The verdict met with general satisfaction, but it was not thought safe to keep him in Mayfield as many have become so incensed in the matter that their impatience might not allow them to wait for the law to take its course. He was put aboard an afternoon train in company with the sheriff and the soldiers who have guarded him, and is now well on his way to Louisville where he will be kept until the authorities see fit to return him.

## HAYDEN HANGED.

### The Ohio County Execution Passed off Quietly.

Beaver Dam, Ky., July 12.—Tom Hayden, colored, was hanged at Hartford at 10 o'clock sharp Monday morning. Every thing passed off quietly. There were more people in the town than have been there in many years.

Hayden's crime was the killing of a young colored girl near McHenry last October. He made a talk on the scaffold.

## NEARING LIFE'S CLOSE.

### Gen. J. S. Williams Very Low and Death Expected at any Time.

Mt. Sterling Depot, Ky., July 12.—(Special.)—It is painfully apparent to the friends of ex-United States Senator John S. Williams, who has been very ill for some weeks past at his home near this city, that his end is very near at hand. His physician did not think it possible for him to survive the night, but his remarkable vitality enables him to keep hold of life. His death is expected at any hour.

## Prim's Heavy Loss.

Additional news of damage to the crops of this section by the water-spout of last Friday evening continue to come in, says the Clarksville Times. In the Elmo, Southern Kentucky, neighborhood, there was a vast amount of damage wrought. William Prim lost eighteen acres of very fine tobacco, and his neighbors report smaller, but quite heavy loss.

## A Sensational Sermon.

The talk of the town at Princeton is the sensational sermon preached at Union services Sunday night by Rev. J. L. Hill, of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He denounced all creeds, the confession of faith of his church and denominationalism, and made a plea for a union of all the churches.

## Able to be Out Again.

County Clerk John P. Prowse, who has been sick at his home on South Main for several days, has recovered sufficiently to be at his post of duty.

## MILES

### At the Front and Su- persedes Shafter.

### Sickening Story of the Ruin Wrought By the Ameri- can Shells.

#### MANY FINE BUILDINGS ARE DEMOLISHED.

Playa Del Este, Cuba, July 12.—(Special.)—Many of the finest buildings in Santiago were destroyed by the American shells yesterday. The slaughter and devastation are so sickening that Gen. Shafter again begged the surrender of the city before it was entirely destroyed.

Gen. Miles, who arrived yesterday, assumed personal command to-day.

(Signed) E. S. WRIGHT.

#### John Bull Takes a Hand.

#### Will Look For Those Privateers.

Victoria, B. C., July 12.—(Special.)—Two British warships, the cruiser Amphion and the sloop Scarus, hurriedly put to sea to-day. It is reported that they will hunt down the Spanish privateers said to be lying in wait for Klondikers.

#### Getting Ready For Porto Rico

#### As Soon as Santiago Falls.

Washington, July 12.—(Special.)—Indications are that the government intends to start an expedition soon to Porto Rico. A number of transports are being collected at Tampa and it is stated the start will be made for Porto Rico as soon as Santiago falls.

#### Passengers From Porto Rico

#### Tell of the Situation.

New York, July 12.—(Special.)—The British steamer, H. M. Pollock, arrived this morning from Porto Rico. The passengers say the people are waiting anxiously for the American invasion. It will not require much fighting to occupy the island.

## Bryan Will Pass Here.

Col. W. J. Bryan's regiment of Nebraska volunteers has been ordered to join Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's corps at Jacksonville. If the usual route is taken, the soldiers will pass through Hopkinsville. The exact date of their departure from Omaha has not been made public.

## Head Badly Hurt.

A little daughter of Mr. W. H. Butler, the popular I. C. Conductor, while playing on the porch, fell and cut a long gash in her head. A physician took several stitches in the gaping wound and the little girl is now getting along quite nicely.

## Maimed Soldiers Pass Through.

Two Ohio soldiers wounded and disabled at Santiago, passed through on the north bound train last night. One had his arm shot off and the other was wounded in the side. They had mud on their clothing from the battlefield in Cuba.

## Meeting at Brick Church.

A protracted meeting will begin at the Baptist church at Sinking Fork the fourth Sunday, July 24th. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. G. Bow, of Pembroke.

## Common Grades on Sale.

The offerings of tobacco to-day were small, and were made up principally of low leaf and lugs. Prices ruled about the same as last week on these grades. No fine tobacco made its appearance on the breaks. Sales compared favorably with the offerings and both the offerings and sales to-morrow are expected to be much larger than those of to-day.

## Came Home To Die.

Ella Bentley, col., died of consumption Monday evening at her home on Durrett Avenue. She had been living in St. Louis for some time, but returned to her home in this city about ten days ago. She was 32 years old.

## Picnic at Pilot Rock.

Eight or ten couples of the young people went to Pilot Rock to-day to enjoy a picnic in the woods. They went in two big omnibuses and made up a jolly party.

## Mr. Wiley Returns.

Mr. D. G. Wiley has returned from Dawson, looking none the worse from his recent stroke of paralysis.

Frisco to Manila—6,600 miles.